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CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM DETECTION SYSTEM

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows.

## In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 45.

45. (Amended) A charged particle analyzer comprising the ion beam detection system of Claim 1 [according to any one of Claims 1 to 39].

Respectfully submitted,

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